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SUBJECT: U. S. TECHNICAL TEAM VISIT

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1. DETAILED ITINERARY REQUESTED REFTEL (A) HAS BEEN WORKED UP IN CONJUNCTION WITH MOFA AND THE AEC. EXACT TIMES OF SOME OF THE CALLS MUST BE CONSIDERED TENTATIVE, ALTHOUGH WE ARE CONFIDENT WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONDUCT THE VISIT ALMOST AS PLANNED AT THIS TIME. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT EMBASSY REVIEW SESSIONS ON DAY WHEN TEAM IS OUT OF TOWN ARE SCHEDULED FOR 2000 HOURS. OUR EXPERIENCE IS THAT IT IS IMPRACTICAL FOR THE TEAM TO CROSS TOWN FROM SUNG SHAN AIRPORT TO THE EMBASSY DURING THE 1700-1900 HOUR RUSH-HOUR AND THAT IT IS BEST TO HAVE DINNER AND PROCEED TO THE EMBASSY IN THE EARLY EVENING. WE HAVE SCHEDULED A CALL ON ADM FENG AS WAS THE CASE DURING THE JANUARY 1977 TEAM VISIT, ALTHOUGH TEAM MAY WISH NOT TO APPROACH THE ROC MILITARY DIRECTLY WITH ITS COMMENTS AT THIS TIME. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. DETAILED ITINERARY (TENTATIVE):  
-- SUNDAY, JULY 23  
ARRIVAL OF TECHNICAL TEAM MEMBERS

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-- MONDAY, JULY 24  
0900 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, CONSULTATIONS AT EMBASSY  
1200 INFORMAL LUNCH IN TAIPEI  
1400 CALL ON MILITARY ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT.  
1500 CALL ON VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CHIEN  
FU (DR. FRED CHIEN)  
1600 ARRIVE AT ATOMIC ENERGY COUNCIL (AEC). CALL ON

AEC SECRETARY GENERAL CHENG CHEN-HUA (DR. VICTOR CHENG), TAIPOWER PRESIDENT CHU SHU-LIN (DR. DAVID CHU), AND OFFICIALS OF INER.

1730 REVIEW WORK AT EMBASSY

-- TUESDAY, JULY 25

0800 DEPART HOTEL FOR LUNG-TAN BY CAR OR HELICOPTER  
0900 ARRIVE INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH (INER);  
CALL ON INER DIRECTOR CHIEN JI-PENG AND INER  
DEPUTY DIRECTORS FOR DISCUSSION OF LEU CONVERSION  
AND REVIEW OF R&D ACTIVITIES  
1200 LUNCH IN LUNG-TAN  
1300 FURTHER DISCUSSION AND WALKING TOUR OF INER  
FACILITIES  
1700 DEPART INER, RETURN TO HOTEL IN TAIPEI  
2000 REVIEW WORK AT EMBASSY

-- WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

0800 DEPART HOTEL FOR LUNG-TAN BY CAR OR HELICOPTER  
0900 ARRIVE CHUNG SHAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CIST); CALL ON CIST PRESIDENT LTG TANG  
CHUN-PO AND STAFF FOR BRIEFING OF CIST'S PROGRAMS  
IN GENERAL  
1030 WALKING TOUR OF CIST FACILITIES RELATED TO NUCLEAR  
RESEARCH OR USED BY INER PERSONNEL  
1200 LUNCH IN LUNG-TAN  
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1300 RESUME DISCUSSIONS WITH INER PERSONNEL AND WALKING  
TOUR OF INER FACILITIES AS NECESSARY  
1630 DEPART INER, RETURN TO HOTEL IN TAIPEI  
2000 REVIEW WORK AT EMBASSY

-- THURSDAY, JULY 27

TRIP TO KAOHSIUNG/ORCHID ISLAND.  
THE AMBASSADOR IS PREPARED TO MAKE  
THE TRIP IF THE TEAM THINKS THIS WILL BE USEFUL IN DRAWING  
ATTENTION AWAY FROM MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES IN KAOHSIUNG ON  
THURSDAY. RESERVATIONS FOR EIGHT (8) PERSONS HAVE BEEN  
MADE FOR THURSDAY, 27 JULY, AS FOLLOWS:  
FLIGHT DEPARTURE 10H KAOHSIUNG  
CAL 271 0730H TAIPEI 0810H KAOHSIUNG  
TAIAIR 0900H KAOHSIUNG 0950H ORCHID ISLAND  
TAIAIR 1700H ORCHID I. 1750H KAOHSIUNG  
CAL 508 2000H KAOHSIUNG 2040H TAIPEI  
COST OF THE ROUNDTRIP TICKET TO KAOHSIUNG IS US\$37.15 WITH  
TAX, WHILE THE ROUNDTRIP TO ORCHID ISLAND IS US\$37.68 WITH  
TAX. TOTAL PER PERSON, THEN, IS US\$74.83. TAIWAN AIRLINES  
IS WILLING TO PROVIDE LUNCHES AT A COST OF US\$1.50 PER PERSON,  
AND A MINI-BUS FOR A THREE-HOUR TRIP AROUND THE

ISLAND AT US\$3.95. BOTH AIRLINES HAVE PROMISED TO HOLD  
RESERVATIONS UNTIL 15 JULY. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE ON  
NUMBERS OF TRAVELERS AND NAMES BY 14 JULY OUR TIME. AL-

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THOUGH WE HAVE RESERVED EIGHT SEATS ON BOTH FLIGHTS, IT IS  
POSSIBLE THAT A LESSER NUMBER OF PERSONS WILL ACTUALLY GO  
TO ORCHID ISLAND. WE ARE PREPARED TO EITHER CANCEL SOME  
OF THESE RESERVATIONS, OR GIVE THE SEATS TO AEC/INER OFFI-  
CIALS ACCOMPANYING TEAM MEMBERS TO ORCHID ISLAND. ALSO  
FAR EASTERN AIR TRANSPORT (FAT) HAS A FLIGHT WHICH DEPARTS  
KAOHSIUNG FOR TAIPEI AT 1830 HOURS. IF ANY MEMBER OF THE  
TEAM WISHES TO GO TO TAIPOWER'S MAANSHAN NUCLEAR POWER  
SITE, WE SUGGEST HOLDING THE LATER FLIGHT. HOWEVER, IF ALL  
BUSINESS WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE TIME THE GROUP RETURNS  
FROM ORCHID ISLAND, WE CAN TRY TO ARRANGE RESERVATIONS ON  
THE EARLIER FAT FLIGHT. PLEASE ADVISE.

-- FRIDAY, JULY 28

0800 DEPART HOTEL FOR LUNG-TAN BY CAR OR HELICOPTER  
0900 ARRIVAL AT INER FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS  
1200 LUNCH AT LUNG-TAN  
1300 CONCLUDE DISCUSSIONS AT INER  
1630 DEPART INER, RETURN TO HOTEL IN TAIPEI  
2000 REVIEW WORK AT EMBASSY

-- SATURDAY, JULY 29

0900 ARRIVE AT EMBASSY FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR  
AND STAFF  
1030 CALL ON VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIEN FU (DR. FRED  
CHIEN)  
1300 REVIEW WORK AND PREPARE REPORT AT EMBASSY  
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-- SUNDAY, JULY 30

DEPARTURE OF TEAM MEMBERS

3. HOTEL RESERVATIONS: WE REGRET WE WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN ROOMS IN THE GRAND HOTEL WHICH IS BOOKED SOLID IN LATE JULY WITH A LARGE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED CONVENTION. ALTERNATIVELY, WE WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN SEVEN SINGLES AT THE PRESIDENT HOTEL FROM 22-29 JULY. COST IS US\$36 PER NIGHT. BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE WITH PREVIOUS TEAMS, AND DESPITE THE INCREASED COST, WE BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT IS MORE CONVENIENT THAN THE GRAND FROM THE STANDPOINT OF TRANSPORTATION. AND IT IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE PX, COMMISSARY, EMBASSY SHOP, AND APO. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF ANY TEAM MEMBERS WISH TO RESERVE ROOMS EARLIER AND/OR LATER THAN 22-29 JULY.

4. TRANSPORTATION: IN ADDITION TO ARRANGING COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION FOR THURSDAY KAOHSIUNG TRIP, EMBASSY WILL ASSIGN TWO VEHICLES FOR THE TEAM'S EXCLUSIVE USE. WE HAVE RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO USE THE USACC HELICOPTER FOR TRAVEL TO INER/CIST ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY, WEATHER PERMITTING. IN THE EVENT OF POOR WEATHER, GROUND TRANSPORTATION WILL HAVE TO BE USED, ADDING ABOUT 20 MINUTES TO THE TIME FROM TAIPEI CITY TO LUNG-TAN. THUS, ON THE DAYS WHEN HELICOPTER TRANSPORTATION IS POSSIBLE, TEAM CAN LEAVE HOTEL AT 0815 RATHER THAN 0800 HOURS. USICA KAOHSIUNG WILL HAVE AT LEAST ONE AND PERHAPS TWO STATION WAGONS AVAILABLE FOR TEAM USE DURING THE KAOHSIUNG PHASE OF THE TEAM VISIT IF NEEDED.

5. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: WE ACCEPT TEAM'S DESIRE TO KEEP SOCIAL ACTIVITIES TO A MINIMUM. WE ANTICIPATE, HOWEVER, THAT THE CHINESE MAY INSIST ON AT LEAST ONE DINNER DURING  
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THE TEAM VISIT. ALSO, THE AMBASSADOR HAS OFFERED TO HOST A LUNCH, DINNER, OR OTHER TYPE OF SOCIAL FUNCTION IN THE EVENT THE TEAM THINKS THAT THIS MIGHT ASSIST THEM IN PERFORMING THEIR MISSION. FOR EXAMPLE, AN INFORMAL LUNCH ON THE 24TH MIGHT ASSIST IN MAKING INTRODUCTIONS AND ESTABLISHING RAPPORT BETWEEN TEAM MEMBERS AND PERTINENT ROC OFFICIALS. A WRAP-UP DINNER MIGHT ALSO BE OF USE. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. PRESS COMMENT: USICA TAIPEI HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROACHED BY ROC JOURNALIST ALICE GAO OF UNITED DAILY NEWS

WHO CLAIMS THEIR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT HAS REPORTED (SOURCE UNKNOWN) THAT "ROCA DEPUTY DIRECTOR BROWN WAS COMING OUT TO TAIWAN AT THE END OF JULY AS HEAD OF A TECHNICAL TEAM." WHILE GAO WAS TOLD THAT WE HAD NO INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT, WE RECOMMEND A PRESS STATEMENT BE ISSUED SELECTIVELY ON AN "IF ASKED" BASIS AS FOLLOWS: "A SMALL TEAM OF U.S. SCIENTISTS AND OFFICIALS WILL BE COMING TO TAIWAN IN THE LAST WEEK OF JULY. PURPOSE OF THE TEAM'S VISIT IS TO REVIEW THE ENERGY PROGRAMS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, ESPECIALLY ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAMS, AND TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY." WE MIGHT ALSO ADD THAT THE TEAM IS TO BE LED BY DR. HELFRICH OF DOE. PLEASE ADVISE IF DEPARTMENT APPROVES PRESS STATEMENT. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL DISCUSS WITH MOFA AND AEC OFFICIALS. UNGER

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